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Timely Tidbits ...

Baby Shower Benefit

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America members from Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School will host a community-wide baby shower in the RHS cafeteria on Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m.

Cost of admission to the event, which will benefit needy newborns, is one new, unwrapped baby item (crocheted or knitted afghans or sweaters would be greatly appreciated). To RSVP, contact Phyllis Wilkerson (734-532-1077) or Betty Santo (532-1824) by March 4.

Spring Craft Show

The Romulus Progressive Club will host its Spring Craft Show at Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) on Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured items will include baskets, wreaths, jewelry, hand-painted clothing, candles, and more. Space is still available for crafters/vendors who would like to participate. For more information, call the hall (734-941-3044), Jim Poet (718-3137) or Diane Poet (942-7195).

Choir Fund-raiser

The Romulus school district's choir program is urging the community to support its upcoming fund-raiser. Throughout March, from 3 and 9 p.m., residents will be contacted by phone and asked to purchase items such as delicious frozen pizza, gourmet coffee samplers, Amish-style fudge, cookie dough, and household items. All products will be delivered to your door, with no delivery charge or tip required. For information, contact Marva Hatcher (734-532-1063).

RCS Kindergarten Enrollment Still Open

Romulus Community Schools continues to accept enrollment for its all-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs for the 2005–2006 school year. Children who will be five years old as of December 1, 2005, are eligible. For more information, contact your neighborhood school. □

Canine Couple Raise \$1,700+ for New Shelter



The recent "marriage" of Linda Norman's Yorkshire terriers, Sophie (left) and Gizmo, was a sweet deal – not just for the bride and groom, who shared a wedding cake after the ceremony, but also for their furry friends, who are now more than \$1,700 closer to a new Romulus Animal Shelter thanks to generous donations from those who attended the fund-raiser.

The Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund is now more than \$1,700 richer, thanks to a festive fund-raiser held at the Romulus Senior Center on February 19.

With the help of dozens of dedicated volunteers, Linda Norman, director of senior-citizen programs for the City of Romulus, organized a doggie wedding for her Yorkshire Terriers, Gizmo and Sophie, and invited all who attended to make donations to the Animal Shelter Fund in lieu of wedding gifts.

The event was an enormous success. A standing-room-only crowd of nearly 175 people turned out to see Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert officiate over the ceremony uniting the canine couple.

"I think this event was a great way to raise money for a new Romulus Animal Shelter," said Lambert. "It was fun and different, and residents in the Romulus community came out to support it be-

cause it benefited such a worthy and deserving cause."

Councilman Bill Wadsworth, who has made the construction of a new animal shelter his "pet project," good-naturedly served as best man to Gizmo the groom. Although he probably endured more than a little teasing, it was all worth it in the end, since the doggie wedding raised the third-largest Animal Shelter Fund donation to date.

Norman couldn't say enough about the many people whose hard work made the program such a success.

"It took the efforts of dozens of people to bring this off," she explained. "Between the costumes and the decorations, the refreshments and the entertainment, it was a really big job."

Among those credited in the wedding program were:

- Cheryl Blanton (wedding planner),
- Lynn Conway (bridal fashion designer),
- Lyle Place (photography),

- Madison Kusibab (Sophie's handler),
- Brooke Hilyer (with maid of honor "Ginger"),
- Mary Ann Ryznar (with bridesmaid "Meggan")
- Sharon Gurner (with groomsman "Max"),
- Brianna Banko (ring-bearer),
- Sylvia Dubisky (wedding march),
- "The Wanna Bees" – Cheryl Blanton, Mary Ann Ryznar, Theresa Bizek, Theresa Golembiewski, Hester Mostoller, and Jo Ann Demick (entertainment),
- Betty Lenossi (transportation),
- Nikki Place, Melissa Kusibab, and Alice Gilbert (servers), and
- Sister Act (caterers).

Those who missed the ceremony will have a second chance to enjoy it at noon on Wednesday, March 15, when the Romulus Senior Center will show a videotape of the event on its big-screen TV.

Everyone is welcome. □

The Crime Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of Romulus Police Department activity during the period of February 7-20, 2005.

Monday, February 7

- 1:54 a.m. – Rescue (block of 6810 Cogswell)
- 8:17 a.m. – Drug-related Activity/Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 36500 Grant)
- 6:25 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 11100 Olive)
- 6:35 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 14200 Huron River Drive)
- 8:19 p.m. – Fight (block of 38200 Wick)
- 8:21 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 7100 Wayne)

Tuesday, February 8

- 1:25 a.m. – Larceny (block of 34800 Goddard)
- 9:21 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 10:40 a.m. – Stolen Car (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile, or UDAA) (block of 9860 Middlebelt)
- 11:54 a.m. – UDAA (block of 11100 Olive)
- 5:46 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 34500 Beverly)
- 6:40 p.m. – Threats (block of 38500 Superior)
- 8:09 p.m. – Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP) (block of 38400 Wabash)
- 8:27 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6020 Metro)

Wednesday, February 9

- 11:17 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 15600 Springhill)
- 3:39 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 4:23 p.m. – UDAA (block of 30400 Teak Lane)
- 9:54 p.m. – Breaking and Entering (B&E) (block of 9320 Chamberlain)

Thursday, February 10

- 10:35 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 11100 Olive)
- 1:23 p.m. – B&E (block of 35800 Sussex Drive)
- 3:39 p.m. – Death Investigation (block of 32100 Henry Ruff)
- 3:46 p.m. – B&E (block of 35800 Sussex Drive)
- 3:48 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (block of 34200 Beverly)
- 4:17 p.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 11100 Olive)

- 10:55 p.m. – Threats (block of 36100 Grant)

Friday, February 11

- 3:34 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 11000 Shook)
- 8:15 a.m. – Larceny (block of 7940 Surrey Drive)
- 2:44 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 5930 Middlebelt)
- 4:48 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 8:53 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15000 Pond Way)

Saturday, February 12

- 2:27 a.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 9010 Cogswell)
- 11:25 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30300 Kim Lane)
- 2:09 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9530 Washington)
- 2:37 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7030 Abilene)
- 4:08 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (block of 11100 Olive)
- 10:09 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (block of 38500 Beverly)

Sunday, February 13

- 2:10 a.m. – OUIL (block of 14100 Huron River Drive)
- 9:42 a.m. – MDOP (block of 9360 Biddle)
- 12:35 p.m. – Rescue (block of 6800 Wayne)
- 3:42 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 4:53 p.m. – Mutual Aid Response (block of 10500 Wayne)

Monday, February 14

- 12:09 a.m. – 911 Cellular (block of 28400 Beverly)
- 12:46 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 5800 Inkster)
- 1:15 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 5920 Panam)
- 2:23 a.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Van Born)
- 4:47 a.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 34100 McBride)
- 8:57 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 9:07 a.m. – B&E (block of 27900 Northline)
- 11:31 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 12:40 p.m. – Threats (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 1:08 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9470 Essex)
- 2:11 p.m. – MDOP (block of 28300 Leroy)
- 2:23 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 15500 Colbert)
- 4:36 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6300 Carnegie)
- 5:20 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35200 Goddard)
- 7:36 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 7:50 p.m. – A&B (block of 15300 Merriman)

Tuesday, February 15

- 2:19 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9090 Wickham)
- 8:49 a.m. – B&E (block of 36700 Northline)
- 10:25 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 11100 Olive)
- 12:00 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9630 Essex)
- 1:27 p.m. – MDOP (block of 34800 Malcolm)
- 3:51 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9500 Middlebelt)
- 4:32 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 34100 McBride)
- 4:56 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6000 Dexter)
- 9:00 p.m. – Fight (block of 27400 Goddard)

Wednesday, February 16

- 12:19 a.m. – B&E (block of 28600 N. Maple)
- 12:57 a.m. – MDOP (block of 6660 Niagara)
- 5:07 a.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 36800 Goddard)
- 3:39 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9690 Washington)
- 4:14 p.m. – MDOP (block of 35500 Garner)
- 6:01 p.m. – B&E (block of 38000 McDonald Drive)
- 6:22 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (block of 9460 Barry)
- 6:26 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 15900 Brandt)
- 8:04 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 39200 Huron River Drive)
- 9:44 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8230 Merriman)

Thursday, February 17

- 8:40 a.m. – Rescue (block of 28200 Northline)
- 9:14 a.m. – MDOP (block of 11100 Olive)

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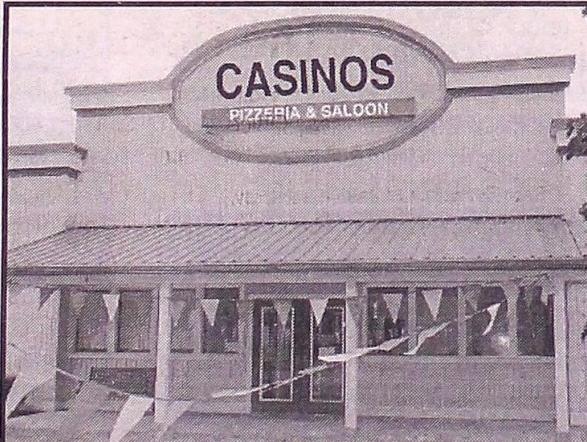


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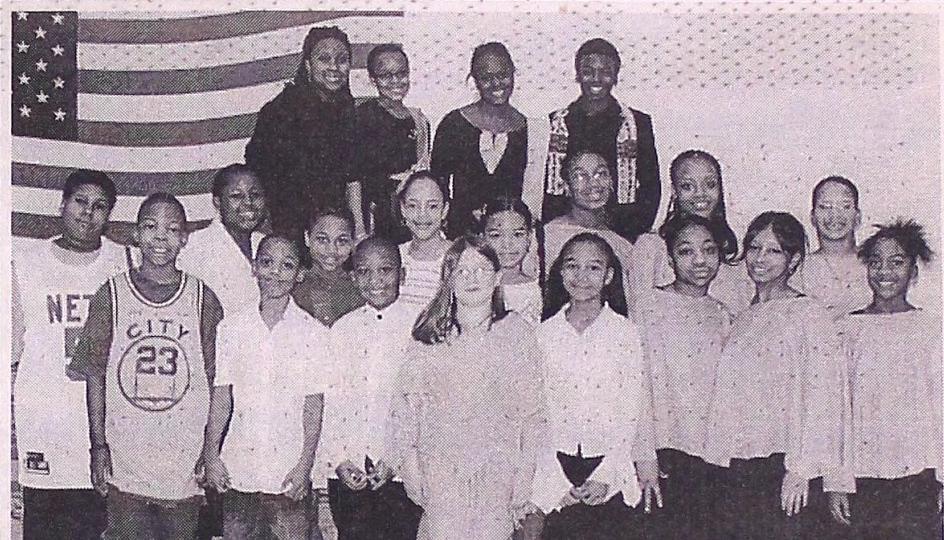
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Cory "Inspirational Music Night" Celebrated Black History Month



Student performers at Cory Elementary School's recent Inspirational Music Night included: (from left) front – Darnell Fields, Tremaine Pool, Gregory Tanner, Emily Toby, Devan Hearst, Ciera Harris, Ebony Stitt, and LaDrea Austin; middle – D'Antoine Irving, Onjaleese Warren, Janee Warren, Shawnta Hamby, Andrianna Barden, Dominique Carroll, Erin Bragg, and Natalia Clements; back – Larissa Gittens, Leticia Gittens, Leydiana Gittens, and Valiece Davis.

An Inspirational Music Night held at Cory Elementary on February 9 kicked off the school's celebration of Black History Month on a high note. Welcoming guests to the program, which drew a large crowd to the Cory gymnasium, were principal Phyllis Adkins, Pastor Arthur Willis of the Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church, and Olivia Madison.

Hosting the program was Romulus High School Guidance Department secretary Ellen Bragg, a vocalist/keyboardist who is also the minister of music at Christ Temple of Refuge Church. She was joined by her own choir members for several numbers that had everyone on their feet, singing and clapping.

Also performing were members of the Cory Choir, under the direction of Kevin Cook; First Baptist Church of

Romulus deacon Eric Talley, Sr.; and Cory students Valiece Davis and Larissa, Leydiana, and Leticia Gittens.

Additional vocal selections were sung by LaJoye Rush, Margaret Caulson, Shamera Hill, and Patricia Willis.

Dance performances were given by Monique Talley, Ashley Johnson, and the Christ Temple of Refuge Youth Dancers.

Bringing the program to a close was "Midst of Lions," a Christian band led by RHS graduate Patrick Webb. The group, which just released its first CD, received a standing ovation after performing three uplifting selections.

Other Cory programs commemorating Black History Month included a play about Michael Jordan and a soul-food dinner. □



Dignitaries and performers at the program included: (from left) front – Michelle Hall, Ellen Bragg, Cheryle Buckley, Olivia Madison, Monique Talley, Ashley Johnson, Margaret Caulson, and Phyllis Adkins; back – Darin Green, Brandon Bragg, Stanley Bragg, Jean Overman, Reverend Arthur Willis, Eric Talley, Sr., and Leroy Talley.

Capitol Update

A "Guest Commentary" column by State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood, 22nd District

State of the State

Governor Jennifer Granholm presented her third State of the State last week. In that address, she highlighted several of her administration's successes as well as new initiatives about health care, the environment, the economy, job creation, and education. She outlined a bold, forward-looking, and innovative plan for Michigan.

The Governor's agenda, anchored by the "Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow" initiative, will spread progress across the state. I am hopeful that there will be a bipartisan effort in the Legislature to work with the Governor to implement the proposals she outlined in the State of the State speech.

The highlights of the Governor's plan include:

- a \$2-billion bond proposal, expected to create 72,000 jobs. The money would support cutting-edge research in fuel cells and other alternative energies, auto-related technology, and investment in new businesses. Because the bond proposal requires a constitutional amendment, the Governor wants the Legislature to act quickly and put the issue before voters this November.
- fast-track training, expected to fill jobs in the skilled trades and life sciences sectors. The Governor set a goal of 30,000 new hires of unemployed persons in the first year. She said those sectors have about 90,000 job vacancies, with needs expected to more than triple by 2012.
- a \$4,000 scholarship for students who finish two years of university, community college, or technical programs. The first awards would go to students who graduate from high school in 2007.
- her support for raising the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.15 an hour, a move spearheaded by House Democrats. The Governor urged the Republican-led Legislature to support the wage raise, saying it would restore economic justice to Michigan's poorest workers.

Governor's Granholm's Executive Budget Proposal

On February 10, Governor Granholm presented her Executive Budget recommendation to the members of the Joint House and Senate Appropriations Committee.

The following are some highlights from the presentation.

- **Medicaid reforms:** Several proposals have been included to reduce Medicaid spending.

- A new line-item "Prisoner Reintegration Program" funded at \$12.8 million: The line-item will assist the Department in its reentry program initiative, which focuses on successfully preparing an inmate for return to society from the moment he or she enters into the MDOC system. In addition, some of the funding will be used for a residential transitional housing program for mentally ill offenders.
- \$22 million from the new Refined Petroleum Fund for cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks: The Fund was created last year in the revision of the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assistance (MUSTFA) Program that extended the sunset on the collection of a 7/8-cent-per-gallon fee on the sale of refined petroleum products.
- Budget assumes that all 15 universities comply with the tuition restraint provisions in the bill: The provisions state that a university will not adopt an increase in resident undergraduate tuition and required fees greater than 5% or \$307, whichever is greater, and that the university will not adopt any new type of student fees. Any university which does not comply would have its appropriations reduced by 6.3%.
- Tuition Incentive Program to be increased by \$1.75-million to reflect projected increases in costs: This program provides need-based financial aid for Medicaid-eligible individuals.
- Per-pupil funding grant to be increased by \$175 to \$6,875 per pupil: This is an increase of 2.6%.
- An extra \$50 for high-school students, bringing their total to \$6,925 per pupil: This additional money will be awarded to schools that have implemented the Michigan scholar curriculum. □

RHS Seeks Genealogical Information

By Pearl Varner, director, Romulus Historical Museum

The Romulus Historical Society is looking for old family bibles that contain information about local births, marriages, and deaths. The family information should pertain to Romulus families or those from nearby communities. The bible does not have to be donated. You can bring it to the Romulus Historical Museum and a staff member will make a copy of the information.

For more information, or to participate in this program, please call

the Museum office (734-942-2340) any Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m., or call 734-697-9628 or 734-941-6361.

The Romulus Historical Museum and the historic Samuel R. Kingsley house are currently home to genealogical material pertaining to Romulus families. There are several family histories in the collection, which has been donated to the City. Researchers are welcome.

The Museum is located on Hunt Street in downtown Romulus, next to the Romulus post office. It is open every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. □

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Thursday, February 17 (continued)

- 12:02 p.m. – Hunting Complaints (block of 9200 Vining)
- 9:06 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6130 Dexter)
- 10:15 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6100 Colorado)

Friday, February 18

- 4:18 a.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 6540 Gloria)
- 10:34 a.m. – UDAA (block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 8:30 p.m. – UDAA (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 9:49 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9950 Wayne)

Saturday, February 19

- 12:01 a.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 28600 S. Maple)
- 12:12 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 1:21 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15700 Birch Court)
- 1:54 a.m. – VPHC (block of 29400 River Oak)
- 3:07 a.m. – MDOP (block of 11400 Moore)
- 1:25 p.m. – B&E (block of 7780 Surrey Drive)
- 1:45 p.m. – A&B (block of 11100 Olive)

- 3:32 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 35600 Beverly)
- 6:38 p.m. – OUIL (block of 15000 Inkster)
- 8:30 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 32800 Sand Piper Drive)
- 8:31 p.m. – Larceny (block of 5820 Dexter)
- 9:36 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 9:40 p.m. – MDOP (block of 39300 Wabash)
- 10:06 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15500 Meadow)
- 10:14 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 38800 Cody)
- 11:13 p.m. – VPHC (block of 6790 Merriman)

Sunday, February 20

- 2:52 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 10:21 a.m. – B&E (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 11:06 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6980 Ranger)
- 1:16 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 11100 Olive)
- 3:12 p.m. – Rescue (block of 11100 Olive)
- 5:23 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle Complaints (ORV) (block of 6200 Edmund)



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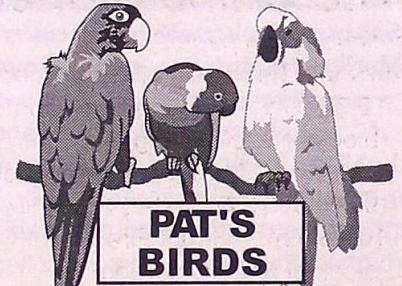
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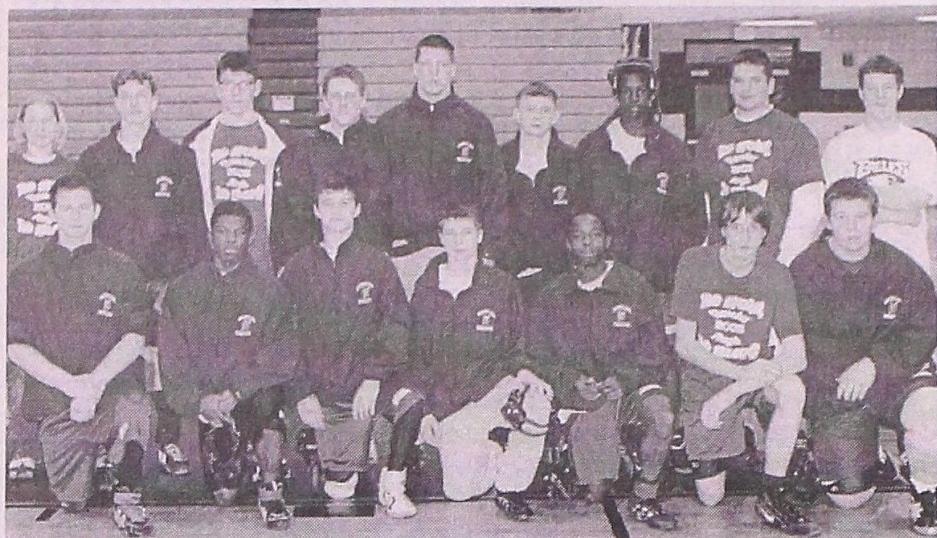
- **Friday Fish Fries at St. Aloysius** – St. Aloysius Catholic Church (corner of St. Aloysius and Neville streets, Romulus) will host a Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m. (or until sold out) each Friday through March 18. The menu will feature: fish or shrimp, choice of garlic potatoes or macaroni & cheese, vegetable of the week, coleslaw, roll & butter, choice of dessert, and choice of beverage (coffee, hot & iced tea, or lemonade). Cost is \$8 for a three-piece fish dinner, \$7 for a two-piece fish dinner, or \$4 for a one-piece fish dinner. All shrimp dinners are \$8. Children under 2 eat free (macaroni or potatoes, vegetable, roll, and drink only). For info, call 734-941-5056.
- **Friday Fish Dinners at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) will host fish dinners each Friday through March 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **Little League Baseball Registrations** – Romulus Little League Baseball will hold its annual program registration at the Romulus Rec Center (36515 Bibbins) on the following dates: Friday, February 25 (6 to 9 p.m.), and Saturday, February 26 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Registrations will be held for baseball (ages 5 to 18) and softball (ages 7 to 18). All registrations *must* be made by the player's parent or guardian, and all registrants *must* provide an original birth certificate, proof of residence (three forms), and registration fee at the time of registration. All participants will be required to sell two cases of candy or prepay an additional \$60. Registration fees: \$35 per child, or \$50 per family. Call 734-955-6204 for more information.
- **Pet Vaccinations** – The City of Romulus will host its annual Dog & Cat Inoculations program at the City DPW building (12600 Wayne Road, north of Eureka) on Sunday, February 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will benefit from significant discounts for dog, cat, and ferret vaccinations, as well as dog licenses. Additional discounts will be offered to senior citizens and owners of spayed/neutered animals. Call 734-942-7591 for more info.
- **"Steak & Burger Dinner"** – A "Steak & Burger Dinner" fund-raiser for seven Wayne County Boys & Girls Clubs – including the Romulus club – will be held at Ford Field (Detroit) on Wednesday, March 9, at 6 p.m. This enjoyable program features a fun twist: adults get burgers, while kids get steak! For more information, contact Frank Rigger: 734-941-5839.
- **Mayor Lambert To Host Town Meeting** – Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert will host his next Town Meeting at the Whistle Stop Diner (36542 Goddard Road) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17. The public is welcome.
- **"Legacy Five" in Concert** – Bethany Bible Church of Belleville will present "Legacy Five" in concert at the Romulus High School auditorium (9650 South Wayne Road) on Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. For ticket info, call 734-697-7456, or visit www.bethanybiblechurch.com or www.LegacyFive.com.
- **Lenten Bible Study at CUMC** – Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive, Romulus) invites the public to attend its Lenten Bible Study program at 7 p.m. each Tuesday through March 22. Call 734-941-0736.
- **St. Paul's Hosts Lenten Services** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis Streets in New Boston) will host the following: Lenten services (Wednesdays at 7 p.m. through March 16), Maundy Thursday service (7 p.m. on March 24), Good Friday services (12 and 7 p.m. on March 25), and Easter services (sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., followed by breakfast, and the Festival of the Resurrection at 10 a.m.). For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **Maranatha Gospel Church Welcomes You!** – James and Cathy Smith, pastors of the Maranatha Gospel Church (35413 Beverly Road, Romulus) are inviting the public to attend weekly worship services on Sundays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (Sunday school from 9 to 10 a.m.), and Thursday Bible classes from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. For more info, call 734-595-1238.
- **Romulus Head Start Accepting Registrations** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting registrations for the remainder of the 2004–2005 school year as well as the upcoming 2005–2006 school year. See local cable channel 19 for information on materials that must be brought to registration. For more information, please call 734-532-1903.

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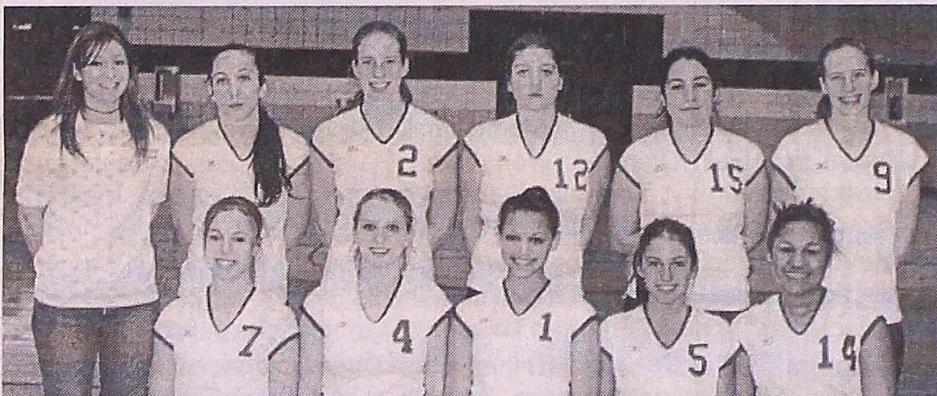
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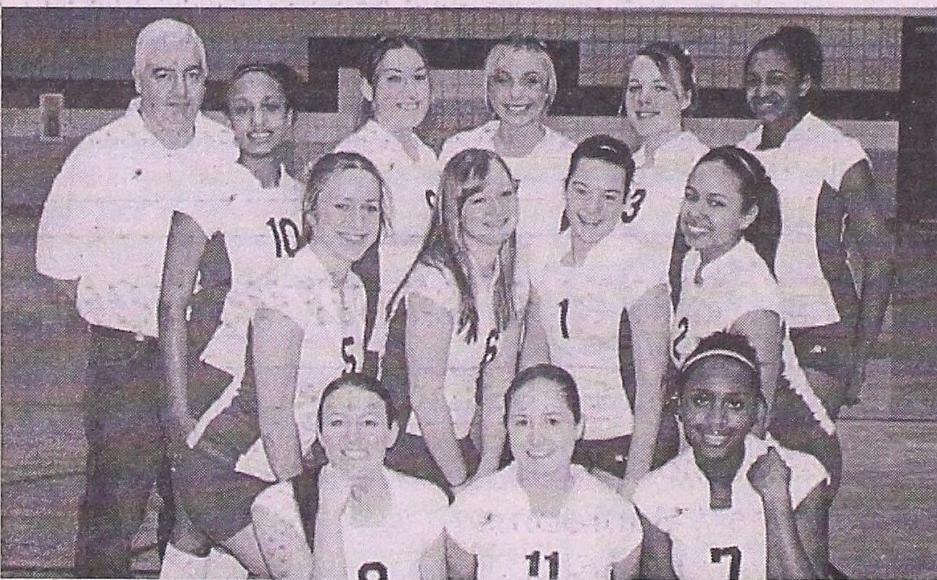
RHS Athletics



Romulus High School wrestling coach David Cooper likes the hard work he has seen from team members, especially Philip Roscoe (12-4 record) and Joe Lewis (10-5 record). Members include: (from left) front – Brian Householder, Tim Griggs, Joe Lewis, Carl Roscoe, Anthony Glimps, Jacob Krell, and Justin Chapman; back – Sondra Harris (manager), Patrick Sutter, Joe Sanchez, Justin Howington, Philip Roscoe, Thomas Kuderik, Dennis Watkins, Joe Kiesznowski, and Dean Burcroff.

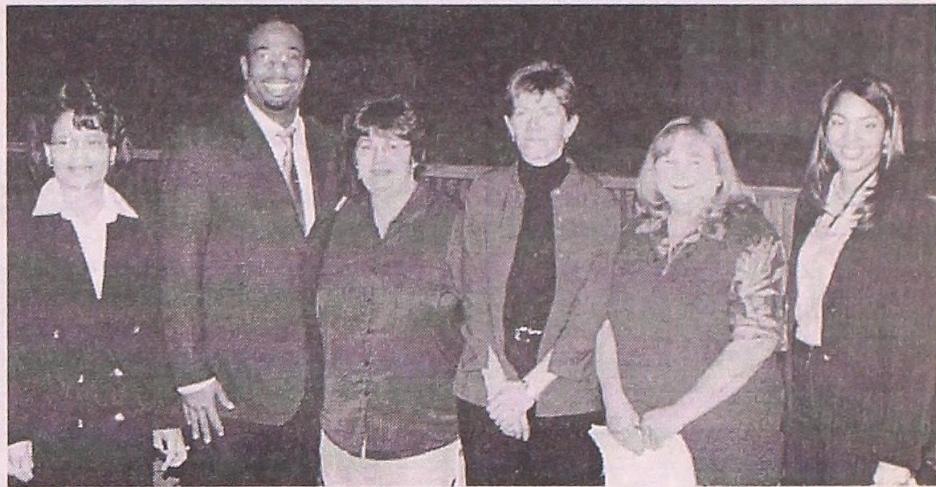


Coach Deanna Hunter (left) is proud of her JV volleyball team members, including: (from left) front – Jaclyn VanMeer, Courtney Turner, Aleshia Wyatt, Danielle Milhem, and Whitney Obayan; back – Melissa Brewington, Jessica Dick, Megan Brooks, Joy Jendritz, and Jennifer Dick.



All smiles after defeating Mega rival Melvindale were members of the Romulus High School Lady Eagles varsity volleyball team: (from left) front – Carolyn Moore, Katie Hale, and Kymmila Blalark; middle – Ileana Usztics, Patricia Silvey, Jennifer Hunter, and Megan Whalen; back – Mike Hunter (head coach), Doloris Garry, Nicole Goodman, Lindsay Beregsasy, Jessica Workman, and Alysa Long.

Workshop Featured Financial Aid Tips for College-bound



(From left) University of Michigan financial-aid director Pam Fowler and her assistant, LaNorris Alexander, were welcomed to Romulus High School by counseling staff members Florence Satterlee, Liza Mockeridge, Marilyn Hidenfelter, and LaToya Shackelford.

Pam Fowler, director of financial aid at the University of Michigan, and her assistant, LaNorris Alexander, recently presented their annual workshop on higher-education funding to college-bound Romulus High School students and their parents.

Fowler began this year's program by urging families to file scholarship and aid applications as early as possible because of serious budgetary limitations. Federal money currently available for grants and loans will be awarded on a first-come/first-served basis, so families who have not already done so should get in touch with the financial aid director at their college or university of choice right away.

According to Fowler, one funding program that has been adversely affected by recent legislation that raised income eligibility requirements is the Pell grant program. New requirements for the grants will result in an average reduction of about \$200 to \$400 per student per year, she said.

Fowler strongly recommends that families fill out the electronic version of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form this year.

"Electronic forms are processed within 10 days, whereas handwritten forms sent by mail take a month or more to process," she stated.

The FAFSA form – which must be turned in no later than March 1 – is used to determine the amount of money that each student's family is expected to pay toward his/her education, as well as the amount of financial assistance for which he/she is eligible. In addition to Pell grants (money that does not have to be repaid), financial-aid funds include Perkins loans and their higher-interest counterparts, Stafford loans.

Finally, Fowler discussed other sources of financial aid, including need- and merit-based scholarships, work-

study programs (both governmental and institutional), and private loans.

Fowler reminded her audience that first-come/first-served strictures apply to other scholarship and aid sources, as well. Colleges, in particular, have only a fixed amount of money to award – and that amount is less than usual this year, in many cases.

For families concerned about repaying school loans and determining how much they can afford to borrow, Fowler cited studies suggesting that college students can handle up to \$20,000 in loan debt. Borrowing such an amount, she said, would require loan payments of \$275 to \$300 per month for a period of 10 years.

Among those on hand to greet Fowler before the workshop began were RHS guidance staff members Florence Satterlee, Liza Mockeridge, and LaToya Shackelford.

Romulus High School's guidance staff welcomes questions about financial aid from students and their parents. For more information, contact them at 734-532-1020 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. □

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RHS Robotics Team Begins Design-and-Build Process



Among the students, staff, and General Motors Powertrain engineers working on Romulus High School's Eagles Robotics Team for 2005 are: (from left) front – Kevin Gay (GM), Christina Reynolds, Malcolm Rhodes, and Amanda Collins; middle – Markita Hudson, Wallace Reynolds, Christine Plank, and Vaughn Liendo; back – Gregg Cooper, Jr., Elvis Celske, Jane Johnson (faculty advisor), Joey Ditsch, Jarren Booker, Erica Pace, Vanessa Rhodes, Ciera Warren, Nick Greg, Joshua Slaght, and Gary Wogaman.

Romulus High School's Eagles Robotics Team is already gearing up for the 2005 competition season. The team – which will compete in two regional events as well as the national championship – has already been notified of the rules for this year's contests, and has begun construction of a robot using the materials kit (motors, electrical wiring, nuts & bolts, etc.) provided to each participating team.

Once again, General Motors Powertrain is partnering with the RHS robotics team. GM engineers Kevin Gay, Doug Mayo, and Lisa Mayo will help students with the design and construction work, as will RHS staff members Jane Johnson, Andy Stewart, and Steven Grunik.

Last year, GM's generous sponsorship of the RHS team amounted to about \$80,000 in entry fees, materials, and engineer time, and this year's sponsorship will probably exceed that amount. Students are working to raise their own money for travel and accommodation expenses for their trips to competition sites outside Michigan.

The RHS Eagles Robotics Team will take part in these competitions:

- Finger Lakes Regional (at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York) – March 2–6
- Great Lakes Regional (at Eastern Michigan University) – March 10–12
- National Championship (at Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Georgia). □

2004 Was Second-best Year in History of Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport

The numbers are in for calendar-year 2004, and total passenger traffic at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) increased by 7.5% over 2003.

DTW finished 2004 with a total of 35,187,517 passengers, topped only by aviation's record-breaking year of 2000, when Metro Airport handled 35,535,080.

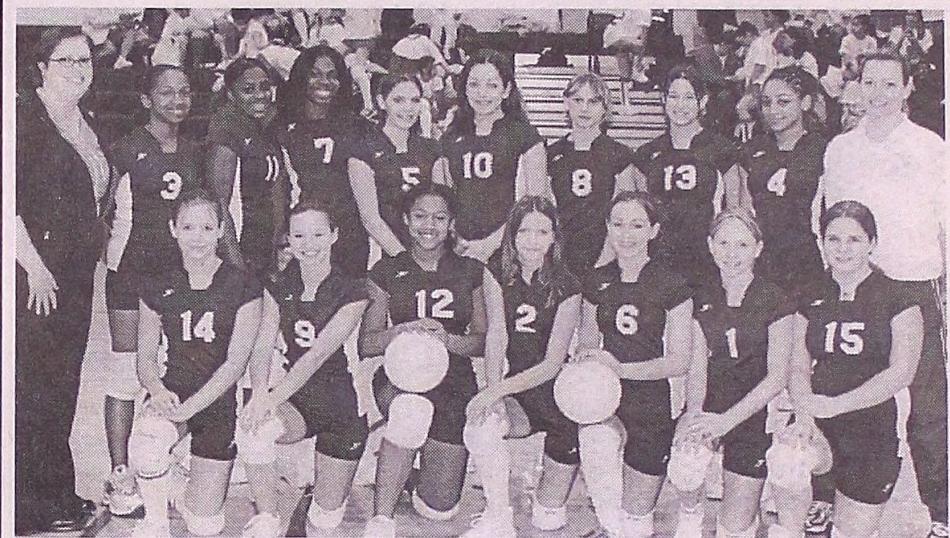
"Our customers are back," said Lester Robinson, CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority. "If we stay on our current pace, there is no question that 2005 will be Detroit's new record-breaking year."

"It's quite remarkable that this airport handled the equivalent of three times the population of the State of Michigan last year with very few problems," Robinson continued. (The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the current population of Michigan is a little less than 10,080,000.)

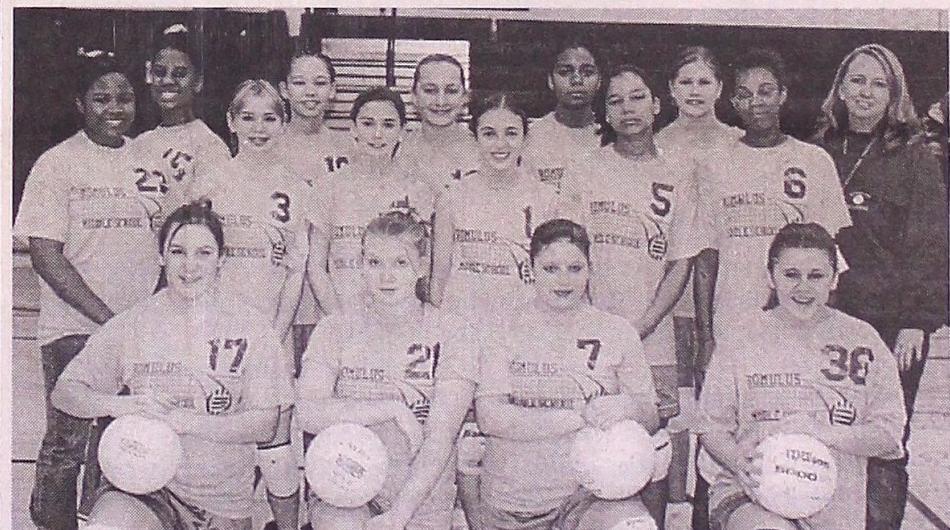
Robinson believes that the figures are not just good news for the Airport, but also for its surrounding communities.

"Activity at the Airport generates an enormous number of jobs, and stimulates the tourism sector of our economy," he concluded. □

RMS Volleyball



Ready for the 2005 season are members of the Romulus Middle School eighth-grade volleyball team: (from left) front – Samantha Watson, Kathryn Forth, Rasha Pree, Samantha Bankey, Mary Ann Watts, Chelsea Stafford, and Miya McDonald; back – Andrea Jurk (assistant coach), Christienne Linton, Anisha Eldridge, Brianna Glover, Cheyenne Oakley, Kaela Torres, Holly Schonscheck, Emily Davis, Christina Gillespie, and Amy Lusher (head coach).



Romulus Middle School's seventh-grade volleyball team opened the season with a victory over Belleville North. Members include: (from left) front – Kelly DeFrank, Leanne Dawson, Debrah Schoolmaster, and Kelly Ragay; middle – Beatrice Boyd, Ashley Linnert, Sheila Watts, Brittany Wilkowitz, Ceara Franklin, and Day'Easha Carvin; back – Jazmine Britton, Charlena Mabry, Ashley Wagle, Cierra Cohen, Sheila Reeves, and Kathleen Forest (head coach).

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Barden Donation Funds Cory Trip to Ficano's Black History Program



Romulus grandparent John Barden (fourth from left) presented staff members and students at Cory Elementary School with a \$150 check to cover the cost of bus transportation for a field trip to the Wayne County Building in Detroit. Also pictured are: (from left) front – Todd Graham, Macee Logerstedt, Faith Rhinehart, and Andrianna Barden; back – Phyllis Adkins (principal), Reverend Rita Talley (co-parent coordinator), and Janice Barden (co-parent coordinator).

Students at Cory Elementary School were able to attend an exciting and informative program commemorating Black History Month thanks to a generous donation from Romulus resident John Barden. Barden's gift of \$150 covered the cost of bus transportation to and from Detroit's Wayne County Building, where WC Executive Robert Ficano hosted the County's annual Black History celebration on February 9.

"We are fortunate to have someone like John Barden help out and make our Black History Month at Cory better than ever," said principal Phyllis Adkins.

Ficano's program, attended by students from throughout Wayne County, was a big hit with the youngsters. Three floors of the old county building were filled with historical

exhibits illustrating events of political and social importance, and talks given by well-known figures such as Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns and Detroit Lions defensive end Cory Redding provided students with personal perspectives that aren't usually found in textbooks.

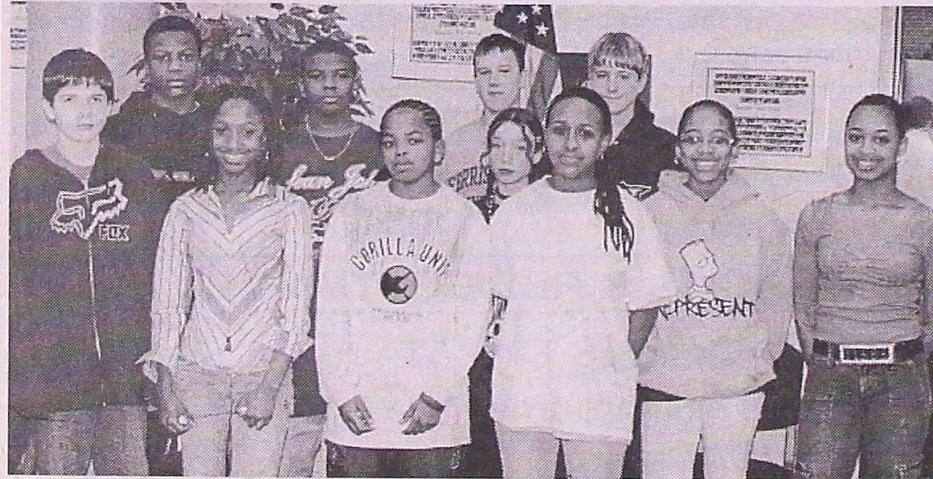
Hearns, a champion boxer and father of five, told children that, with discipline and hard work, any goal can be reached. He urged parents and educators to stress that message.

"Adults must provide direction, give [kids] something to shoot for," he said. "We guide them, they'll do the right thing when they get older."

Ficano believes that lessons are particularly effective when they're given by an influential figure.

"Education is the key, especially when it's standing right in front of [you]," he said. □

Bracelet Sale Aids Tsunami Victims



Romulus High School students who sold bracelets to support the school's "Tsunami Relief" program included: (from left) front – Cody Bailey, Meisha Martin, Elijah Lee, Anjenette Hood, Kristen Averett, and Tiara Grandison; back – Robert Booker, Kevin Holmes, Tiffany Williams, Josh Zilka, and Chris Niemann.

Romulus Students Excel at Solo & Ensemble Festival

Henry James and Mark Fernandez – band directors at Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School, respectively – were once again pleased with the outstanding effort put forth by students competing in the District 12 Solo & Ensemble Festival, hosted at Livonia's Franklin High School last month. Altogether, Romulus students earned 16 first-division ratings out of 21 events.

"Our senior-high students received 10 first-division marks, 4 second-division ratings, and 1 third-division score, while our middle-school students received the coveted 'I' ranking on all 6 of their events," said Dick Kruse, Romulus Community Schools spokesperson. "This marked the highest percentage of first-division ratings ever for Romulus students."

RHS first-division winners included: Jazmine Bennett – flute solo; Jessica Mills – flute solo; LaShonda Windham – flute solo; Rachel Arthur and Shaniya Dye – flute duet; Jazmine Bennett and LaShonda Windham – flute duet; Adam Delay and Kyle Sherwood – percussion duet; Joshua Baxter, Adam Delay, Jonathan McLachlan, Kyle Sherwood, Kevin Stobbe, and Jason Valentine – percussion sextet; Jetaun Robinson and Thomas Rutherford – trumpet duet; LaJoya Rush – tuba solo; and Kevin Stobbe – xylophone solo.

First-division awardees from RMS were: Gary Nemeth – alto-saxophone solo; Katie Koester and Sheila Reeves – clarinet duet; Melissa Dufore and Megan Hammonds – flute duet; Derek Bennett and Michael Lammers – snare-drum duet; Melissa Dufore and Kaela Torres – trumpet duet; and Melissa Griffith, Kaela Torres, and Ciara Turner – trumpet trio.

RHS students with second-division marks were: Kyle Sherwood – alto-saxo-



RMS student Gary Nemeth was proud to wear the first-division medal he earned with his alto-sax solo.

phone solo; James Blanton and Jessica Mills – saxophone duet; Henry Windham – trumpet solo; and Vaughn Liendo and Henry Windham – trumpet duet.

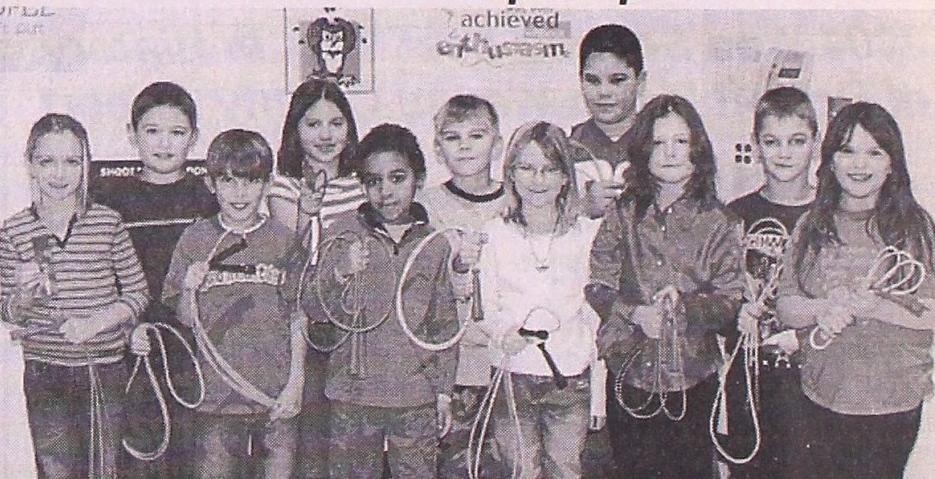
A third-division rating was received by RHS student Joanna Ezell for her clarinet solo.

According to Kruse, both the RHS and RMS band programs will now prepare for the District 12 Band Festival, set for early March.

The State Solo & Ensemble Festival, to be held later that month, will be open to students who received a first-division rating at the district festival.

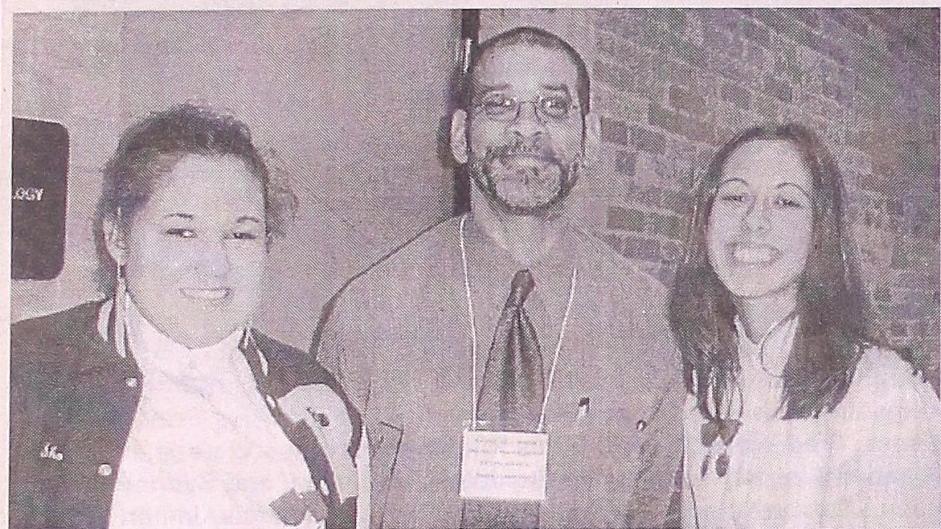
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Barth Students "Jump Rope for Heart"

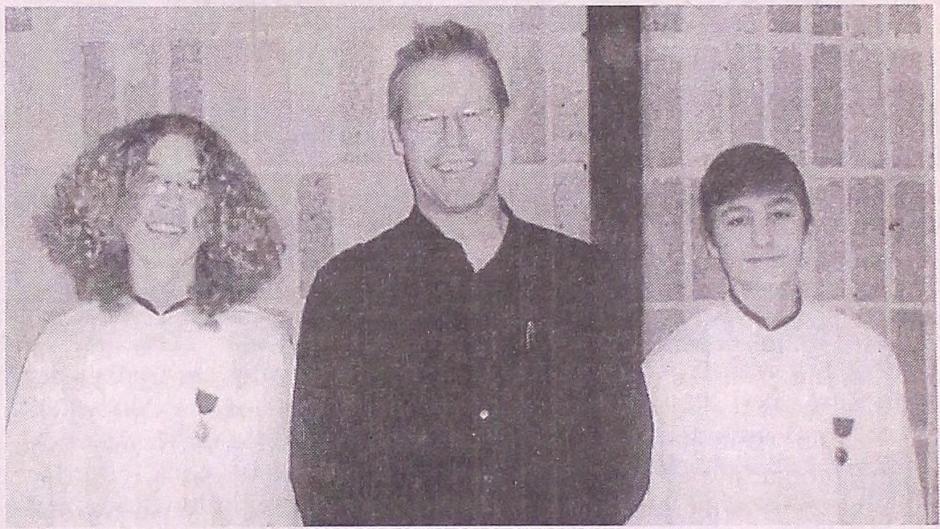


Barth Elementary third-graders who jumped rope to raise over \$2,000 for the American Heart Association included: (from left) front – Jessica New (longest jumper), Bryan Badilla, Romel Bohler, Rachel LaPorte, Madison Tyree, and Aprille Doktor; back – Dakota Watkins, Hunter Mason, Tyler Robertson, Chris Greca, and Kevin Marz.

Solo & Ensemble Elite



Romulus High School band director Henry James (center) congratulated LaShonda Windham (left) and Jazmine Bennett for earning first-division ratings on their individual flute solos as well as their duet.



Mark Fernandez (center), band director at Romulus Middle School, congratulated Derek Bennett (left) and Michael Lammers for earning a first-division rating on their snare-drum duet.



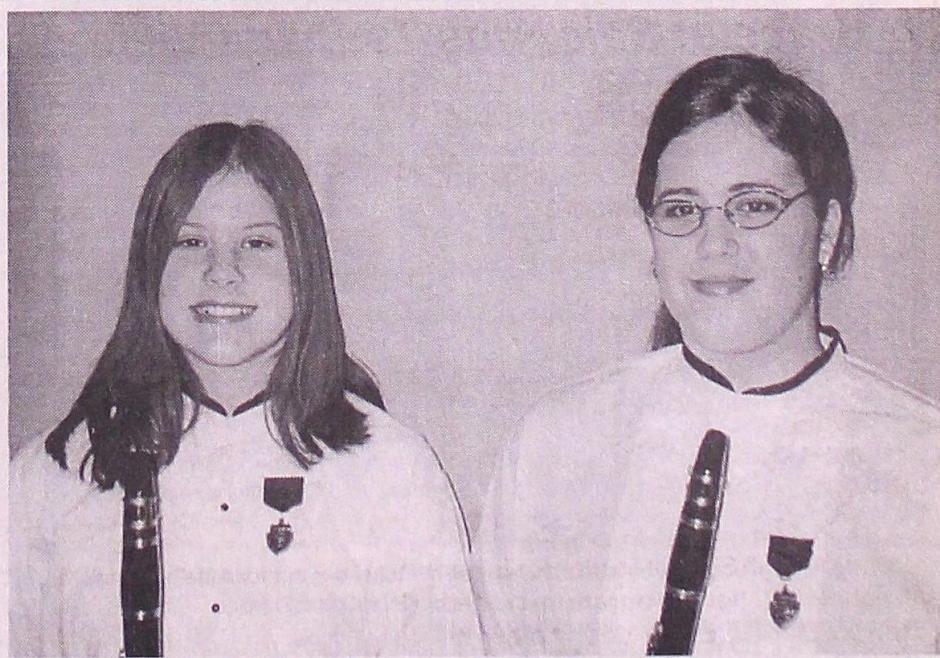
Earning a solid first-division rating with their trumpet duet were RMS students Melissa Dufore (left) and Kaela Torres.



RMS students (from left) Ciara Turner, Kaela Torres, and Melissa Griffith received top marks on their trumpet trio.

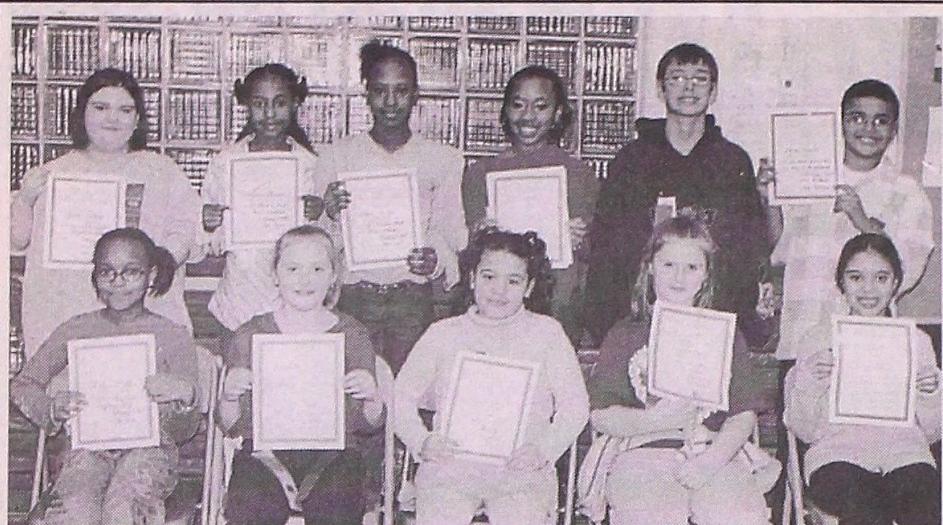


RMS students Melissa Dufore (left) and Megan Hammonds garnered a "I" with their impressively performed flute duet.

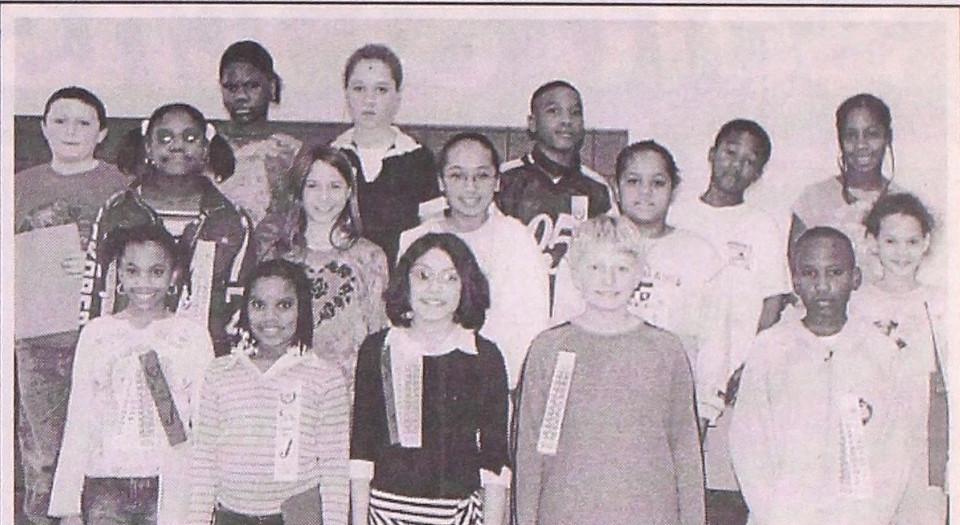


RMS students earning a first-division rating with their clarinet duet were Sheila Reeves (left) and Katie Koester.

Cory, Romulus Elementaries Recognize "High Honors" Students



Cory Elementary School students who were recently recognized for achieving "high honors" during the first semester of the 2004–2005 school year included: (from left) front – Leticia Gittens, Kayla Bryk, Gabrielle Miller, Misty Briscoe, and Macee Logerstedt; back – Jordan Ditsch, Courtney Thomas, Azia Riley, Briana Glenn, Jonathon Stone, and Steven Pratt.



Romulus Elementary students earning "high honors" during the first semester included: (from left) front – Keli Boyd, Tyler Gray, Desiree Kassa, Fred McAnally, and Eddie Hitchings; center – Victoria Johnson, Amanda Linnert, Symone Martin, Jayne McClellan, and Sydney Bayer; back – Steven Nemeth, Reyonna Hollins, Brittany Francis, Jamarl Eiland, Dominique Whitlow, and Kayla Patterson.

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 24, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 24, 2005, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Cheryle Buckley.

Roll call showed members Buckley, April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Niema White was excused. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/05/8 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1/05/9 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel. Roll call vote: Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, Roscoe, and Buckley. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:07 p.m.

Member Niema White entered the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

1/05/10 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, Roscoe, and Buckley. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1/05/11 Moved by Lenossi supported by White to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2005, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION – FYI: Stacy Nieman, Bus Aide, Transportation, last date worked – January 7, 2005.

RETIREMENT AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – FYI: Gail Modrzynski, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective Date – December 6, 2004.

Bills for Payment

1/05/12 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board Approval of District-wide Grants

1/05/13 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to approve the grant awards for fiscal year 2004–2005 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Romulus Adolescent Health Center Agreement

1/05/14 Moved by Lenossi supported by White that the Board of Education accept the attached agreement with Oakwood Healthcare to provide adolescent health care services as per the agreement. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adult Ed Graduation Recognition

Romulus Adult Education's January high-school diploma earners received recognition by the Board of Education as follows: Krystal Lynn Adams, Amber Barbee, Anthony Bass, Michael Cloutier, Stephanie Ann Cobb, Jennifer Farrell, Mihaela Gafencu, Carolyn Jackson, Jamal James, Leesa Tamika Morrow, Martin Redden, Lonny Smith, Justin Spry, Christopher Sowers, Patricia Lou Tilicea, Meghan Travis, Mary Webb, and Julie Wohlfeil. These individuals will receive actual diplomas and certificates at Romulus Adult Education's formal commencement exercise on Thursday, June 9, 2005 at Romulus High School.

Rescheduling of February Board Meetings

The Board's February 14th meeting was changed to February 16th; the February 28th meeting was changed to March 1st.

Field Trip – Cedar Point – Merriman Elementary

1/05/15 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education approve a field trip to Cedar Point amusement park, Sandusky, Ohio, for Saturday, May 28, 2005, for the Merriman Elementary Safety Squad at no cost to the district. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Wick Elementary Newsletter; 2) Romulus Elementary Newsletter; 3) Barth Elementary Parent Newsletter; 4) Cory Elementary School – February events; 5) Barth Elementary School – Blue Ribbon Award; 6) Congratulations Chuck Usztsics – National Teacher of the Year; 7) "Learning to Give" Communication; 8) Thank you – Houghton Mifflin; 9) Romulus High School Swim Club; 10) Communication re: open campus; and 11) Senate Bills No. 4 and No. 20.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERN OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Niema White asked about communication from the Governor's office about Top Watkins. Mrs. Betty Lenossi commented on the informative Superintendent's meeting at the High School regarding financial status and taxes. Mrs. Cheryle Buckley stated that the Martin Luther King Day events were great, and gave a thank-you and congratulations to all involved. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz gave the Board of Education copies of Senate Bills No. 4 and No. 20. He further mentioned that February 8th was the deadline for filing for the upcoming school board election. Mrs. April Frayer asked about the weather and events being canceled when school is canceled. Mrs. Celeste Roscoe informed the Board that everything will stay the same regarding the new election laws except the date of voting, that being May 3rd rather than June.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/05/16 Moved by Lenossi supported by Kuderik that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2005

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Thursday, January 27, 2005, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Cheryle Buckley.

Roll call showed members Buckley, April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Niema White was excused. Administrators present were: William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, and Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/05/17 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1/05/18 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel. Roll call vote: Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, Roscoe, and Buckley. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:01 p.m.

Member Niema White entered the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

1/05/19 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, Roscoe, and Buckley. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Regular Session at 6:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/05/20 Moved by White supported by Frayer that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 31, 2005

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 31, 2005, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Cheryle Buckley.

Roll call showed members Buckley, April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, Niema White, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/05/21 Moved by White supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE PLANS:

1/05/22 Moved by White supported by Frayer that the Board of Education accept the EPC plan for the teaching and administration staff as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

1/05/23 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and adopt the Severance/Retirement Plan for unionized and nonunion central office support staff as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE DISCUSSION:

There was no audience discussion.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

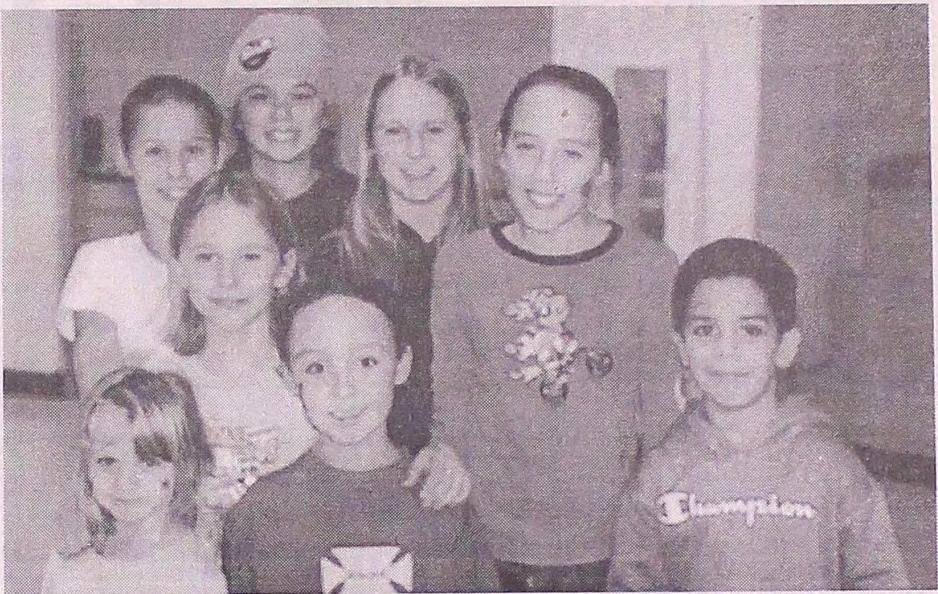
Mrs. Cheryle Buckley reminded Board members that the next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2005, and that the February 28, 2005 meeting is rescheduled for March 1, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT:

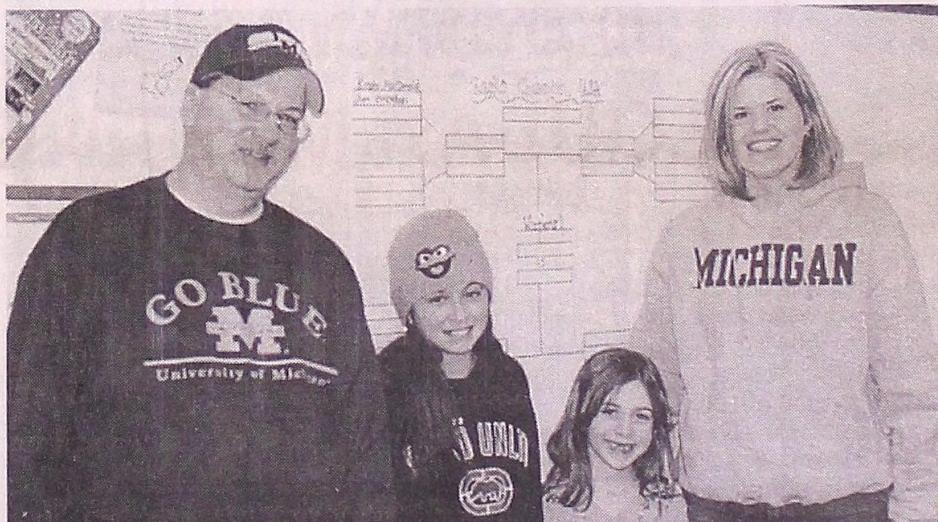
1/05/24 Moved by Roscoe supported by Lenossi that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

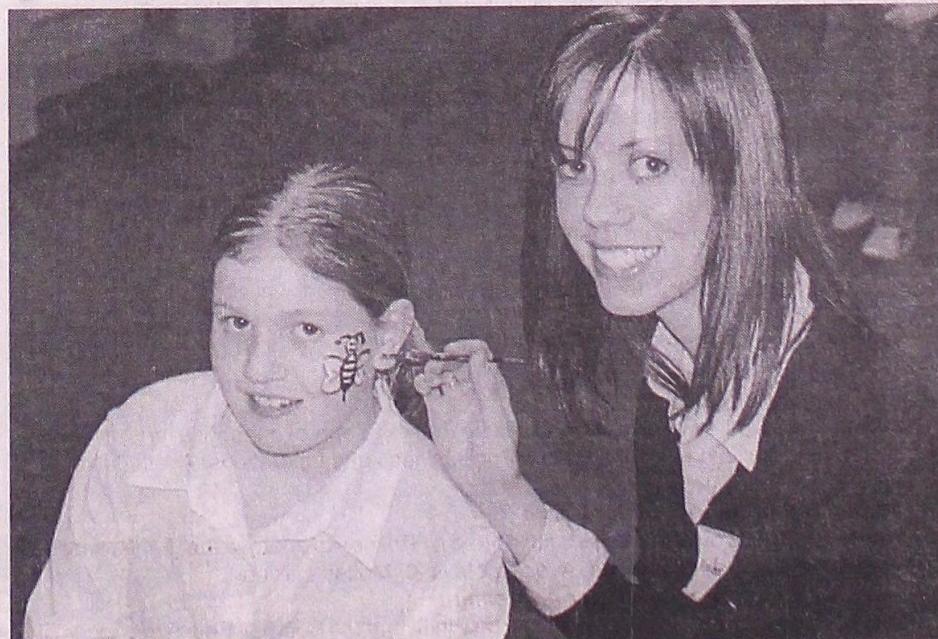
Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Family Fun Night

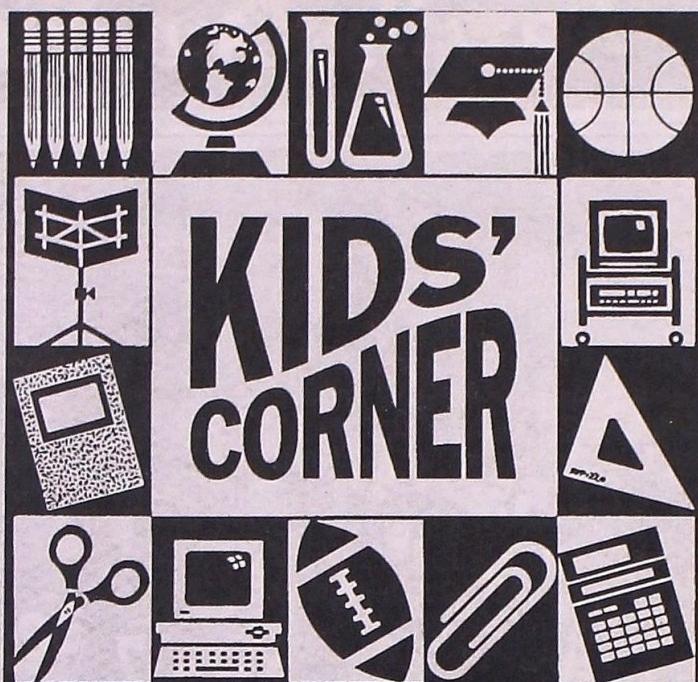
Students enjoyed playing a variety of games in the gym during Halecreek Elementary School's recent Family Fun Night. Among those who took part in the event were: (from left) Jenna-Anna Vail, Tommie McCoy, and Harley Gondek; middle – Kate Orr and Chelsea McCoy; back – Victoria Whitehouse, Kirsty MacDonald, and Sarah Orr.



(From left) Parent James Brenton and students Kirsty MacDonald and Amber Brenton joined teacher Julie Hirschert to examine the "Racko" bracket before their Family Fun Night tournament.

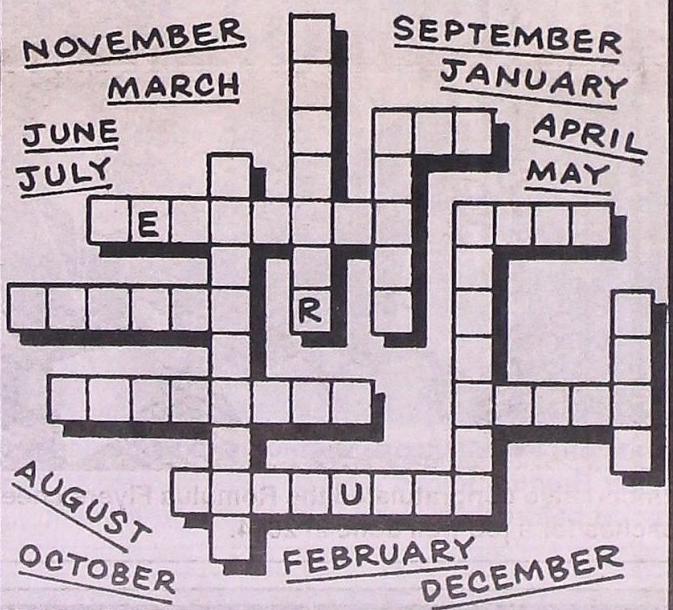


Nicole Demski (right), a student teacher from Western Michigan University, used her artistic talents to do face painting on students like Carly Paul.



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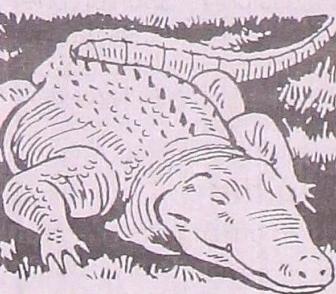
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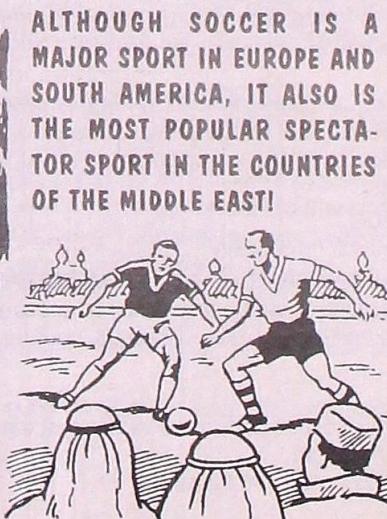
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Answers

1. SHAMROCK 2. GREEN 3. PIPE 4. PARADE 5. IRELAND



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3. EPPI
4. REPAAD
5. ALEDNRI
6. KAESSN

6. SNAKES

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Answers

Recreation Programs

Our thanks to Herbert Buckley, director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Kristin Irwin, recreation coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column. Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga Road south of Wick Road) promptly at noon on Saturday, March 26. The hunt – which will feature a number of special eggs containing tickets for prizes – will be divided into four age groups:

- age 3 and under,
- 4 to 5 years of age,
- 6 to 7 years of age, and
- 8 to 10 years of age.

All participants must bring their own basket or bag to carry collected eggs.

Preregistration is *not* required to participate in this free program. Families should report to the tennis-courts area upon arrival at the park. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for \$2 each.

Peewee Soccer League

Boys and girls in grades K-2 are invited to sign up for the Recreation Department's Peewee Soccer League, which will run from April 26 through June 2. Teams (limit 6) will practice for three weeks, then play three games (one per week). Practice/game days will vary, but all will be held on weekdays at 5 p.m. at the Rec Center. (Note: There is no weekend commitment.)

A cost of \$35 per child includes a T-shirt. Since space is limited, advanced registration is *strongly* urged. Deadline: Wednesday, April 20 (or when all spots are filled).

Clogging

Participants in the Recreation Department's next clogging class will learn through individualized instruction, and will also have fun clogging with the group. Classes, which are open to ages 7 through adult, will meet in the Cory Elementary School cafeteria each Monday from March 7 through May 23 according to the following schedule:

- advanced: 6 to 7 p.m.
- intermediate: 7 to 8 p.m.
- beginning: 8 to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per person. Register by Friday, March 4.

Youth Gymnastics

The next session of the Tumblebunnies gymnastics program – open to boys and girls ages 3 and up – will run from April 4 through May 23. Classes will meet at the Rec Center each Monday according to the following schedule:

- ages 3 to 4: 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- ages 5 to 7: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ages 8 and up: 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Cost is \$60 per session. Register by Monday, April 4.

Tang Soo Do

Tang Soo Do – an original form of Tae Kwon Do – is a traditional (as opposed to Olympics-style) martial arts discipline. Participants (ages 3 through adult) taking part in the upcoming session (which will run from February 25 through April 8) will learn self-defense techniques, grappling techniques, and hand-to-hand combat.

Beginning classes will meet at the Recreation Center from 6 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday; advanced classes will meet from 7 to 8 p.m.

Cost per session is \$35 for one person, \$55 for two immediate family members, or \$75 for three immediate family members. Register by Thursday, February 24.

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do is a form of self-defense that helps participants strengthen their bodies and minds. Students enrolled in the Recreation Department's class will learn self-discipline, self-respect, and respect for others. Classes – open to ages 7 through adult – will meet in the Romulus High School wrestling room each Tuesday and Thursday from March 22 through May 26 according to the following schedule:

- beginning: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- intermediate/advanced: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost per session is \$50 for one person, \$85 for two immediate family members, or \$120 for three immediate family members. Register by Monday, March 21.

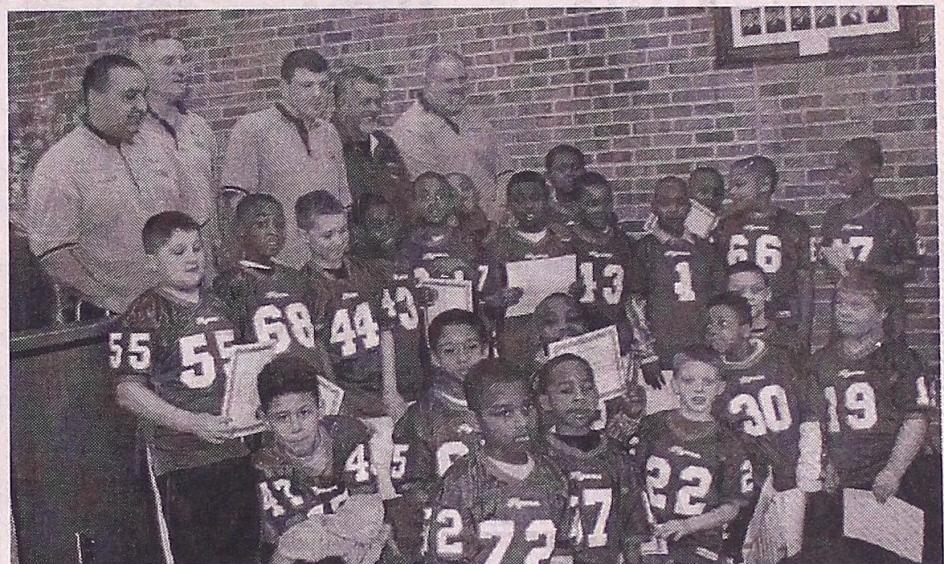
Quilting

A free drop-in quilting class meets at the Recreation Center every Thursday at 6 p.m. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

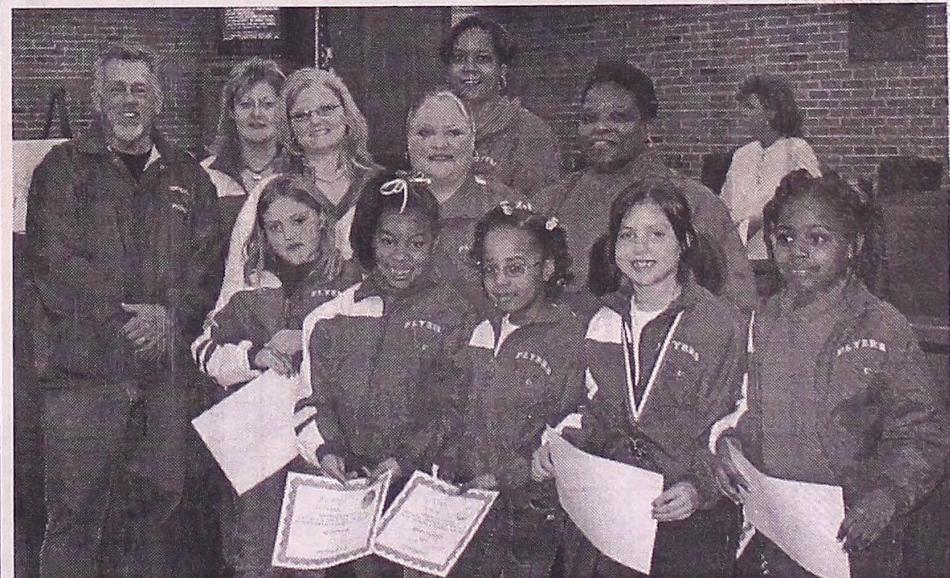
Ceramics For Seniors

The ceramics class for senior citizens will meet at the Recreation Center from 1 to 3:30 p.m. each Monday through June 27. Cost for the drop-in class is just \$1 per week for Romulus residents and \$1.50 for nonresidents. □

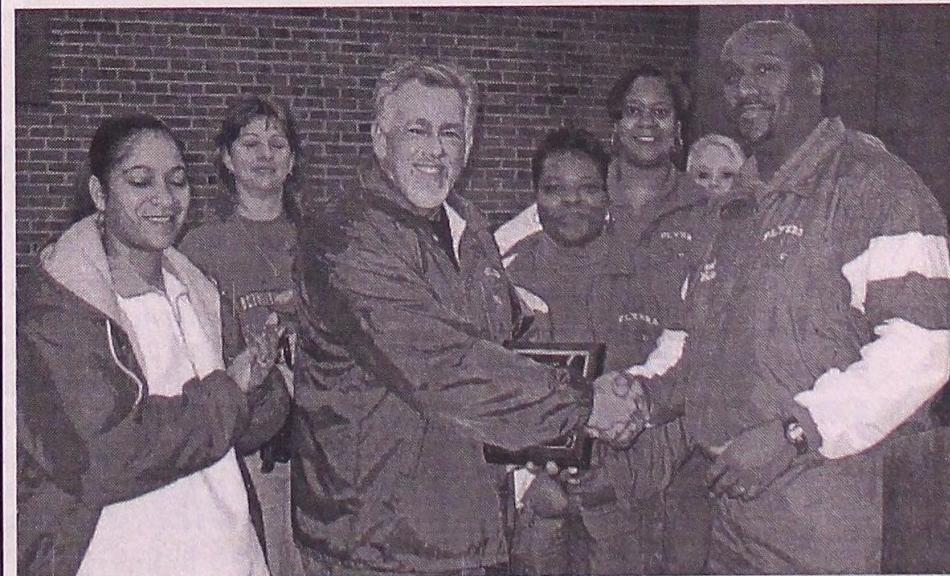
Flyers Awards



The Romulus Flyers freshman football team coaches and players received certificates of recognition from Mayor Alan R. Lambert for winning the 2004 Downriver Junior Football League championship. Standing behind the players are (from left) assistant coaches Jerome Frayer, Dale Eddings, and Tom Kuderik; Mayor Lambert; and head coach Stephen Bednar.



Lambert also congratulated the Romulus Flyers cheerleaders and their coaches for a job well done in 2004.



John Wester (right), president of the Romulus Athletic Club, presented Mayor Lambert with a "Most Valuable Fan" award for "supporting the children of the City of Romulus." (All plaque and certificate presentations were made at Romulus City Hall on Saturday, February 5.)

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, senior citizens program coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-955-4120.)

Limited Parking at the Center

Due to construction work on the City's new senior center, parking is at a premium right now, according to Linda Norman. The senior programs coordinator urges visitors to call ahead to check on parking availability, or to park at City Hall and call from there to arrange for a pickup.

Free Tax Preparation

From 12:30 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday between February 2 and April 13, the Romulus Senior Center will be offering free tax preparation services (by appointment only) to low-income Romulus seniors (age 60 and older). The service will also be available at Romulus Tower and Whispering Willows.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. These materials will include:

- W-2 forms,
- Unemployment compensation statements,
- SSA-1099 interest/dividends statements,
- 1099R pension/annuity statements,
- forms showing income taxes paid,
- last year's tax forms.

For more information, or to make an appointment for tax service, call or stop in at the Center.

Wedding Replay

The Romulus Senior Center is inviting everyone to come in at noon on Tuesday, March 15, to watch a videotape of the recent "Norman Yorkies" wedding on the Center's 45"-screen TV. Light refreshments will be served.

Red Hat Society Meets

The Romulus Senior Center is now an official member of Red Hat Society Chapter #40741. Among the group's upcoming outings are the following:

- March 4 (Great Lakes Crossing; lunch),
- April 22 (lunch at McNasty's),
- May 6 (Southgate Theatre; lunch at Famous Dave's), and
- May 31 (Detroit Zoo).

For more information, please e-mail romulusredhatsociety@yahoo.com or call the Center.

March Luncheon Celebrates Both St. Patrick's Day and Easter

The Senior Center's next monthly luncheon will be a double treat, since it will celebrate both St. Patrick's Day and Easter. A mixed-up menu will include fare such as Irish stew (made with beef, not mutton) and deviled eggs.

Among the highlights of the get-together – set for 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 24 – will be a "match the pets to their owners" contest. Each senior is encouraged to bring in a picture of himself/herself, as well as a picture of a current or past pet, for the game.

Cost for the luncheon is just \$3.50. Space is limited; sign up soon!

Haircuts

Just a reminder that the Center's haircut service has been cancelled for the months of February and March.

Regular Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens, including:

- ceramics (Mondays, 12:30 p.m.),
- Club One (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- "game day" (Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

Chiropractic Clinics

Dr. Craig Everingham from Everingham Chiropractic will be at the Romulus Senior Center on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 1:15 p.m.

To make your appointment, please call 734-941-5620.

Check Your Blood Pressure

Local senior citizens are invited to stop by the Center between 12 and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, to have their blood pressure checked. There is no charge for this service.

Walk for Your Health

Ride the Senior Center's van to Wayne County Community College's Western Campus each Monday and Wednesday at 2 p.m. for an hour of safe indoor walking at your own pace. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

The Center strongly urges anyone considering a change in his/her exercise program to consult a doctor beforehand.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff. □

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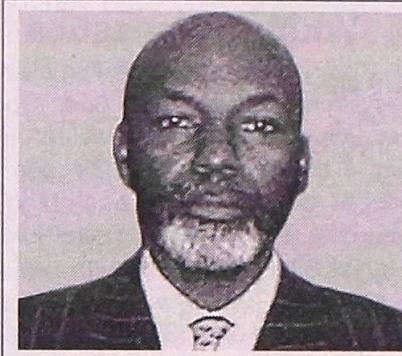
Sunday Youth Church: 11:00 am

Sunday School: 9:30 am

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Weight _____ Length _____

Birthplace _____

Parents _____

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Siblings _____

Maternal Grandparents _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Paternal Grandparents _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Bridesmaids _____

Groomsmen _____

Date of Engagement _____

Date of Wedding _____

Place _____

City _____ State _____

Reception _____

City _____ State _____

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituaries**Patricia A. Chapp**

Patricia A. Chapp of New Boston, Michigan, passed away on Friday, February 11, 2005, at the age of 86.

The native of Charlevoix, Michigan, was born on Monday, January 27, 1919.

Patricia and her husband, the late Jerome H. Chapp, were the co-owners/operators of the Chapp Oil Company. A member of the Huron Township Senior Citizens group and past member of the St. Stephen Festival Committee, she enjoyed needlework, making hats for hospitalized babies, Bible study, and prayer meetings.

Among those surviving Patricia are 2 sons, Jerome A. (Paulette) Chapp (Fort Myers, FL) and James L. (Vicki) Chapp (Cape Coral, FL); 4 daughters,

Jeranne Jackson (New Boston), Jane M. (Ken) Pawlowski (Longwood, FL), Jeanine T. (Mark) Pennington (Livonia, MI), and Justine F. (Dan) Russow (New Boston); a sister, Jane Rissi (Traverse City, MI); 18 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Those who preceded her in passing included 2 brothers, Robert and Richard, and a sister, Mary.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 15, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston), with Father Alexander Wytrwal acting as officiant. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Josephine B. Forsyth

Josephine B. Forsyth of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2005, at the age of 77.

The native of Richmond Township, Michigan, was born on Friday, May 13, 1927.

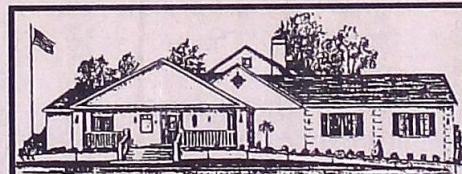
Josephine was employed by the Marriott Corporation – Host International

for 31 years before retiring on September 29, 1988. Her hobbies included gardening, reading, and puzzle books.

Surviving Josephine are 2 sons, Gary Sokolowski (Glennie, MI) and Bruce (Anna) Sokolowski (Shelby Township, MI); a daughter, Diana Grzelakowski (Warren, MI); 2 stepsons, Ronald S. (Sandy) Forsyth (Taylor, MI) and Steve A. Forsyth (Dundee, MI); a stepdaughter, Roberta (Paul) Hale (NM); 7 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Angelo and Lucia (Briganti) Parlotto; her husband, Stanley Forsyth; 2 brothers, Gino and Aldo Parlotto; and 4 sisters, Isabell Gambotto, Mary Baldini, Erma Johnson, and Olga Power.

A funeral service was held on Monday, February 21, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Alexander Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) acting as officiant. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery (Livonia, MI). □



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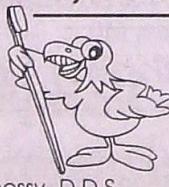
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